Dam Failures in the country

*88. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has the second largest number of dam failures;

(b) if so, what is India's share in world figures.

(c) what is the total number of dam failures in India till date alongwith factors contributing to the failures; and

(d) whether Govt. propose to be benefited by Japanese experience which has largest number of dams in the world with lowest failure rate?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) As per information published in 1974 by Inter National Commission on Large Dams, 13 dams are reported to have failed in India against 117 failures in United States of America and 202 failures in the World.

(c) However, as per information compiled by Central Water Commission upto March 1993, 27 cases of dam failures have been reported in the country during this century. The main factors responsible for the failures have been identified as floods exceeding spillay capacity and overtopping.

(d) While designing the dams experience of all countries and the latest technological developments in the field are taken into account.

Reorientation of the Total Literacy Campaign

*89. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to reorient the total literacy campaign in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Alarming situation in the Farm Sector

*90. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the 'Patriot' dated 7th April, 1993, captioned 'Farm Sector situation alarming' to the effect that while prices of almost all commodities produced by farm sector have fallen steeply, the prices of other consumer goods purchased by the farm sector have shot up;

(b) if so, what is Governments reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps have been taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The Government is aware of the fact that there has been steep fall in prices of certain agricultural commodities. It is also a fact that there has been increase in the prices of certain commodities like fertilisers, diesel, etc. purchased by the farm sector.

(b) and (c) The Government has noted with concern this trend in prices and has taken various measures to ensure that farmers get remunerative prices for their produce. The